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Library of Congress Participates in Franz Liszt Centennial Celebration

The Franz Liszt Centennial Celebration, which will take place in Washington, D.C., from June 22 to June 29, will feature a number of performances, lectures, and master classes at the Library of Congress. Jerome Rose, artistic director, has convened world-renowned performers and scholars for the celebration, which will also take place in the Smithsonian Institution's Baird Auditorium, the Kennedy Center, the Washington Cathedral, and St. Matthew's Cathedral.

All events at the Library will be open to the public, free of charge, with no tickets required. The first event in the Coolidge Auditorium, on Sunday, June 22, at 8 p.m. will be a dramatic presentation, "The Music and Letters of Liszt," featuring noted Liszt biographer Alan Walker as narrator, British actors Barry Warren and Sally Mates, and pianist Valerie Tryon performing numerous solo works of Liszt.

Each afternoon from Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27, master classes will be offered in the Coolidge Auditorium at 1 p.m. and lectures will be presented in the Whittall Pavilion at 5 p.m. On Saturday, June 28, a symposium will take place at 10 a.m. and a lecture at 2 p.m. The master classes will be offered by pianist John Douglas (on vocal repertoire), pianist Jerome Rose, violinist Aaron Rosand, pianist Jorge Bolet, and pianist Jon Kimura Parker. Nicolas Slonimsky, Paul Hume, Alan Walker, Tibor Szasz, and Jacques Barzun will lecture.

Pianist Christopher O'Riley will perform a solo recital in the Coolidge Auditorium on Saturday afternoon, June 28, at 3:30 p.m. Mr. O'Riley has captured top prizes in the Montreal, Leeds, Busoni, and Van Cliburn competitions. He has also been a winner of the Young Concert Artists International Auditions and was the recipient

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of the Avery Fischer Grant. He has appeared as soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony, and the Minnesota Orchestra, as well as numerous other symphony orchestras in the U.S., and has presented solo recitals here and abroad. His program on June 28 will include Liszt's *Venezia e Napoli* and the Hungarian Rhapsody No. 9, as well as Liszt transcriptions of operatic and vocal works by Schubert, Schumann, and Wagner.

The following lectures will be given at 5 p.m. in the Whittall Pavilion of the Library: Monday, June 23—Nicolas Slonimsky, "The Legacy of Liszt"; Tuesday, June 24—Paul Hume, "Songs and Choral Music of Liszt"; Wednesday, June 25—Alan Walker, "Liszt and the Keyboard"; Thursday, June 26—Tibor Szasz, "Liszt's Symbolism and Musical Structure"; Friday, June 27—Jacques Barzun, "Literature in Liszt's Mind and Music." Then at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, Alan Walker will speak on "Franz Liszt: The Progress of a Biography."

For further information on the Liszt Centennial Celebration events, at the Library of Congress and elsewhere, contact Randall Sheets, festival director, at the Resident Associate Program, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560, (202) 357-2498.

Council of Scholars Holds Symposium on Scholarship Today

The Council of Scholars of the Library of Congress held a symposium on "Scholarship Today: The Humanities and Social Sciences" in the James Madison Memorial Building, April 17-19. The object of the symposium was to assess the current condition of scholarship in these areas and to identify regions of strength and weakness. Papers and selected comments delivered at the symposium will be published.

M.H. Abrams of Cornell University, chairman of the council, chaired the symposium. Participants and their topics were: Jacques Barzun, Columbia University, "The Defining Characteristics of Modern Scholarship"; Ricardo Quinones, Claremont College, "The Epidemic of Theory"; Robert Oakman, University of South Carolina, "Computers and Modern Scholarship"; Jaroslav Pelikan, Yale University, "The Academic Mentor"; John Hope Franklin, Duke University, "The Foundations"; Samuel Vaughan, Random House, "The Publishers"; John Gross, *The New York Times*, "The Reviewers"; John C. Broderick, Library of Congress, "The Cost of a Bad Book"; Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State (1973-77), "Does Scholarship Matter?"; and John Brademas, New York University, "Scholarship and Public Policy." Commentators were Gertrude Himmelfarb, New York University; Simon Michael Bessie, Harper and Row; and Carol Orr, University of Tennessee Press.

Daniel J. Boorstin (left), Henry Kissinger, and John Brademas.

Part of the audience at the symposium.

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Semiannual Report
On Developments at the Library of Congress
October 1, 1985, through March 31, 1986

Office of The Librarian

Legislative Liaison Office

Legislation Relating to the Library of Congress: Library of Congress Appropriations, Fiscal 1986

President Reagan signed into law Public Law (P.L.) 99-151 on November 13, 1985, an act making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986, including funds for the operation of the Library of Congress. Public Law 99-151 provided funding for the Library of Congress through September 30, 1986, in the amount of $230,125,000, including authority to obligate receipts totaling $11,050,000. This was a reduction of $8,417,000 from the amount appropriated in fiscal year 1985. Included in the appropriation for fiscal year 1986 were $138,047,000 for salaries and expenses, Library of Congress, including the use of $4,300,000 in receipts from the sale of bibliographic data; $38,963,000 for the Congressional Research Service; $17,631,000 for the Copyright Office, including the use of $6,750,000 in copyright fees; $33,761,000 for books for the blind and physically handicapped; $832,000 for the collection and distribution of Library materials under the Special Foreign Currency Program; and $891,000 for furniture and furnishings. A figure of $5,785,000 was appropriated to the Architect of the Capitol for the structural and mechanical care of the Library buildings during fiscal year 1986.

Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act

On December 12, 1985, President Reagan signed into law P.L. 97-177, a measure raising the statutory limit on the public debt. Title II of the law is referred to as the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, commonly known as the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act. The law stipulates that budget deficits be decreased annually and specifies across-the-board spending cuts that must be taken to achieve this result. Under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act Library of Congress appropriations for fiscal year 1986 were reduced by 4.3 percent as a result of the Presidential sequestration order which went into effect in March. This was a cut of $9.8 million from the amount appropriated to the Library in the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for fiscal 1986.

Poet Laureate

On December 23, 1985, President Reagan signed into law P.L. 99-194. This act contained an amendment to the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act to rename the Library's poetry consultant the "Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry." The legislation authorized an appropriation of $10,000 to the National Endowment for the Arts for an annual program at which the Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry would present a major work or the work of other distinguished poets.

Library of Congress Appropriations, Fiscal 1987

The Librarian of Congress and other Library officials appeared before the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch Appropriations, House Committee on Appropriations, on February 20 to request funds for the Library's fiscal year 1987 budget. The $266,197,000 requested for fiscal 1987 includes authority to obligate $12,150,000 in receipts for a net total of $254,047,000. The request for operations includes: Library of Congress, Salaries and Expenses, $148,539,000, including the use of $4,700,000 in receipts; Copyright Office, $18,428,000, including the use of $7,450,000 in receipts; National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, $38,847,000; Special Foreign Currency Program, $390,000; Furniture and Furnishings, $15,983,000; and Congressional Research Service, $44,010,000.

Library Environment Resources Office

A significant amount of progress was made with the renovation/restoration project during the reporting period. The Architect of the Capitol (AOC) established a Construction Management Division field office in a triple-section trailer on the southeast lawn of the Jefferson Building to serve as the project headquarters. As the Library cleared and vacated the entire south half of the Jefferson Building and the south and east of the Adams Building, the AOC installed construction barriers and began demolition and clean-up work. The following offices were moved into interim locations: the Catalog Management and Publication Division, the Hispanic Division, the Rare Book and Special Collections Division, the European Division, the MARC Editorial Division (in part), the Council of Scholars; and the Saur Microfilm Project. The Wilson

Room and the Adams Health Room were closed. A major review of the interior finishes was conducted by the Library Environment Resources Office (LERO), Arthur Cotton Moore/Associates, and the AOC. Revised schedules were prepared by LERO in computerized format and turned over to the AOC. The Phase I construction contract was awarded on February 26 to Grunley-Walsh Construction Co., Inc., of Rockville, Md. The firm is scheduled to begin construction work during the latter part of June 1986. The Neptune Fountain was completed and activated in the spring.

Architectural design drawings and specifications for the mass book deacidification facility, to be located at Ft. Detrick, were completed and put out to bid. The small-scale test facility at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Flight Center in Prince George's County, Md., was damaged by fire on two separate occasions. A description of the problems appeared in the March 17 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin*. A team of chemical process engineers experienced in DEZ (diethyl zinc) handling, vacuum systems, and plant safety was assembled to reexamine the design of the large-scale facility. The deacidification facility will not be constructed until the chemical processing system has been redesigned and the small-scale test program has been resumed.

As part of the project to rearrange space within the Descriptive Cataloging Division on the fifth floor of the James Madison Memorial Building, the Official Catalog was temporarily moved to corridors on the basement and subbasement levels. Meetings were held with several Research Services divisions to formulate programs for providing adequate space for expanding special collections. LERO processed nearly 300 requests for space and service during the reporting period.

Renovation work for the Taylor Street Annex was further delayed by the General Services Administration (GSA); a new time estimate was not available at the end of the reporting period. Construction of the cold storage vaults that encompass 10,735 square feet of space at Landover Center Annex in Maryland was completed and tested. The vaults are capable of operating at temperatures down to 34 degrees Fahrenheit plus or minus one degree. Collections were consolidated at the Landover facility to create storage space for other purposes. The Federal Research Division rearranged its space at the Navy Yard Annex in southeast Washington, D.C. Duke Street Annex in Alexandria, Va., was vacated for relinquishing to GSA by the end of May 1986.

The architectural floor plans for the John Adams Building were completed on LERO's computer-aided design and drafting system and the Madison Building plans will soon be finalized. In March LERO was creating INFO LERO which will become part of the Automated Systems Office's Information Screen Facility. Users will be able to display information online related to current moves and move schedules, the status of on-going space projects, and building space statistics. The system will also provide for issuing news bulletins and schedules of the status of the renovation/restoration project. INFO LERO will undergo testing in May and June and should be operational sometime during the summer.

Planning and Development Office

The Optical Disk Pilot Program required much of the office's time and resources in the areas of user research, futures planning, and public information.

A staff use test, conducted in December, showed a high level of system reliability. With assistance from many parts of the Library, the office prepared a questionnaire to secure information about users of the optical disk system and their evaluation of it which was put into machine-readable form in March and released to the public in late April. At present, users may fill out the questionnaire while at an optical disk terminal. The office, assisted by the firm Informatics, will analyze the responses when they are compiled in the fall of this year.

Office staff members worked with reference managers to create optical disk impact statements and generate ideas for future disk projects. These appear in a report to the Library Operations Committee of the Optical Disk Futures Group.

The office prepared several articles and research reports designed to increase public awareness of the optical disk program. Staff members helped prepare for the January 23 public opening of the Optical Disk Print Pilot Project and the April 22 ceremony marking the availability on optical disk of all issues of the *Congressional Record* since January 1985.

Collections Development Office

The Collections Development Office held the twelfth in its series of Seminars on Foreign Acquisitions in February, covering 32 countries of Central, West, and Southern Africa. Seminars on South and Southeast Asia are planned for the near future.

Current programs in collections development were affected by a severe reduction in appropriated funds for staffing, purchase of library materials, and preservation activities, requiring a serious reassessment in all these areas. Two interdepartmental working groups were formed to coordinate the reduction of expenditures for serials by at least 15 percent and to revise

the Library's blanket order specifications for purchase of foreign trade publications. There are no plans to drastically change basic acquisitions policies, but efforts will be made to minimize purchases of publications of secondary importance while allowing for the continued receipt of research materials of vital interest.

The working group on serials prepared guidelines for the use of recommending officers in reviewing subscriptions to foreign periodicals. Emphasis was placed on the removal of popular and repetitive titles of marginal value, minimizing duplication, and making better use of microfilm. This massive serial review project is to be completed before the end of the fiscal year.

Considerable attention was given to acquisitions from the Library's six field offices, especially to better coordination of serial acquisitions. The Collections Development Office prepared a statement of guidelines for the preselection of new serials by field offices, including those selected for microfilming at the New Delhi office. In February the collections program officer visited the field offices in Karachi and New Delhi.

The Library is developing a form of cataloging to provide automated records for pamphlets and other ephemera related by subject, issuing body or personal author, to be known as collection level cataloging. The Collections Development Office issued guidelines for categories of materials which should be considered for this means of bibliographic control, such as minor publications of special interest groups, brochures and guides related to a noteworthy event, and elementary and secondary level textbooks that illustrate new teaching methods.

The Preservation Policy Committee, under the chairmanship of the director, Collections Development Office, submitted recommendations to The Deputy Librarian for the systematic deacidification of the massive retrospective classified collections. Realizing that treating the entire collections may take several years, the committee recommended that those classes of greatest importance to the Library's overall mission—and those, such as N (fine arts), containing a significant number of books which will need to be retained in original format—should be included in the earliest phases of the program. These recommendations were approved and will be implemented.

The office worked closely with the National Preservation Program Office and the divisions of Research Services to arrange for the Library's participation in the ever-increasing number of interlibrary cooperative microfilming projects. These include American imprints through 1920 from Class CS (U.S. local history) for the Research Libraries Group's Americana preservation project and Chinese monographs and serials of the early 20th century.

As part of an ongoing cooperative project, the *Conspectus for Latin America* was completed and forwarded to the Research Libraries Group. This massive interdisciplinary document of nearly 800 subject lines covers publications on Latin American studies in all classes as well as cartographic materials, sound recordings, and government publications. Scope notes for the *Conspectus on Government Documents* were prepared in collaboration with the Serial and Government Publications Division, and work was begun on the *Conspectus for Library and Information Science*.

The Selection Office completed, as a special project, the review of a large arrearages of uncataloged German and Russian books. It is also in the process of reviewing a large number of older copyright deposits and selecting materials for inclusion in the Library's collections.

Management Services

During the first half of the fiscal year, many service and support activities of the Management Services Department were necessarily curtailed as a result of the reduction in funds available to the Library in the fiscal 1986 appropriations bill and by the implementation of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act. The department has made every effort to conserve funds wherever possible through cost reduction and cost avoidance measures.

Equal Employment Opportunity Programs

One of the actions taken to reduce the Library's operating costs was the suspension of the scheduled groups of Graduate Cooperative Education participants (January–April and June–September). Progress was made, however, in the areas of the Target Series Development, Affirmative Action Recruit, and Graduate Cooperative Education programs. For the Target Series Development pilot program, three nonprofessional employees were selected for professional trainee positions. And though the regular January–April Graduate Cooperative Education class was cancelled, two individuals joined the staff for the 120-day and possible one-year appointments provided for in this program. Others may be appointed if funds become available.

Achievements were made by the Women's Program Office in the areas of data collection and analysis, women in management, daycare, information resources, and the selection of a new Women's Program Advisory Committee. The Women's Program coordinator participated in the development and testing of an online data retrieval system for use in affirmative

action planning. In January, the Library awarded a contract for the development of options for management's consideration regarding Library-supported child care. The Women's Program Office continues to maintain an updated listing of licensed day care centers in the Washington metropolitan area, and provides counseling and information referrals.

Fourteen new members were selected in March to serve on the Women's Program Advisory Committee: eight to serve two-year terms and six to serve one-year terms.

The Handicapped Program coordinator sponsored two handicapped awareness programs attended by a total of 264 persons and taught a basic manual communications course to 16 staff members, including reference librarians who provide service to deaf patrons. The coordinator recruited handicapped applicants at one college and made a recruiting trip to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, N.Y. The Staff Relations Office had 316 contacts with employees and supervisors relating to assisting the handicapped and 60 contacts with nonstaff, primarily regarding employment opportunities. Interpreting services were furnished in 145 instances including training programs, staff meetings, and other special events.

The Hispanic Employment Program coordinator conducted 32 career counseling sessions for Hispanics inside and outside the Library. The coordinator attended the Minority Career Day at the University of Colorado which resulted in the appointment of a qualified Hispanic female to the staff under the Graduate Cooperative Education Program, and numerous other events, conferences, and personal meetings to discuss the recruitment of Hispanics into the library field.

At the beginning of the reporting period, 40 informal and 120 formal complaints were pending in the Equal Employment Opportunity Complaints Office. During the period, 56 new matters were received and one formal complaint was reinstated for processing. Twelve matters became formal complaints. Forty informal and 26 formal complaints were resolved during the six-month period, and 44 informal and 107 formal complaints were pending as of March 31. A comparative review of statistical data with the last six-month period indicates a decrease of 15 percent in new complaints, a decrease of 45 percent in matters becoming formal complaints, a 20 percent increase of informal complaints resolved, and a decrease of 13 percent in formal complaints resolved.

Automated Systems Office

Online availability of the central processing units was 99 percent by the end of the reporting period. The various online systems, which are supported 96.5 hours per week, processed approximately 4.8 million transactions while servicing 2,465 terminals located on Capitol Hill and other remote sites. During December the Computer Service Center installed three sets of Amdahl 3380 disk storage in support of the Library's ever-growing online databases. A second Data General MV10000 was installed to replace the older Data General Eclipse equipment and provide support for the Congressional Research Service (CRS) ISIS system. In early 1986, the Computer Service Center began planning the replacement of non-APIF Four Phase terminals with Comterm equipment. The changes are to begin in May and continue until September in the Processing and Research Services offices.

The Engineering Planning and Development Office continued to provide technical support to the operation of the optical disk. A new scanner has been procured. It contains two cameras for scanning both sides of a disk at the same time and has a pneumatic feed mechanism for automatically feeding the documents. The scanner has been tested but is not yet in a production operation mode. A new two-dimensional data-compression algorithm has been installed in the system and should greatly enhance the compression of data to be stored. A project for testing optical disks to determine their life cycle is under way, with some equipment provided and some software written.

The project to select machine-readable label equipment has been completed and demonstrated. The results were satisfactory, and the Library is now in a position to place this type of machine into production operations. Activities continue in several areas to determine the Library's telecommunications requirements through the year 2000. The central efforts involve installing the premise wiring system in the Jefferson and Adams buildings before the buildings are restored. The wiring cables will contain both copper and fiber optics transmission capabilities.

System maintenance and support accounted for much of the Systems Programming Office workload. In addition to handling numerous problem reports and configuration changes, office staff members installed new releases of a number of software packages including Comten System Control Software (SND) maintenance level 8511, Datacom release 4.7B, User Files Online (UFO) release 2.5, Statistical Analysis System (SAS) version 5, Omegamon/CICS version 400, ROSCOE release 5.4A, the MVS/System Product Operating System (for IBM 3033AP) release 3.1.4, PL/1 compiler version 4, Applied Data Research LOOK release 6.4, LIBRARIAN release 3.4A, UCC-1 tape management system release 4.7, and E-MAIL release 2.0A (with EDATE).

Additions, enhancements, and support for the MUMS and SCORPIO Logic Library systems continued to be the major function of the Technical Systems Office. A major new release of MUMS called MultiMUMS was completed and sent into production. In addition, substantial progress was made on installing and placing into production the commercially available Data Base Management System DATACOM/DB, which has the potential to augment and possibly replace parts of the MUMS and SCORPIO Logic Library systems. Other important systems modernization efforts included the use of microcomputer systems in the Data Entry Systems Project.

During the first six months of fiscal year 1986 the Output Services Section participated in two major MUMS releases. The MultiMUMS project to establish facility changes for several new MUMS applications in one release went into production in November 1985. With that release both Visual Materials and Serial Location became MUMS applications. The Subject application followed in January.

Development work continued on the expansion of SCORPIO retrieval to all MUMS based bibliographic data in the Library of Congress Information System (LOCIS), including support of diacritics in displays, longer browse terms, and improved sorting for browse terms. Design reviews were held to establish more clearly the capabilities and characteristics of the first software release to integrate MUMS and SCORPIO searching under a single sign-on, the so-called "BOWTIE" release, LOCIS Release 1.0 (ASO 368).

Several changes were made to the production system to correct for problems raised by users during the past year. Substantial development and testing were done for the SCORPIO support of the Optical Disk Pilot projects, culminating, for this phase of prototype work, with release of full text retrieval and display capabilities of selected data to the public on designated optical disk terminals.

Major accomplishments during the past six months include completion of the software in November to support the new production-version, multi-disk storage retrieval cabinet or "jukebox"; followed in December by the transfer of all stored data to new glass-surfaced disks. In December scanning and storage of the *Congressional Record* on optical disk commenced. In January the offline batch printing subsystem for optical disk was completed, as well as an automated startup and shutdown system. On January 28, the CRS Bibliographic file on optical disk was made available to the public in selected reading room locations. In March the link between the *Congressional Record* Abstract file for the 99th Congress and the scanned *Congressional Record* images on optical disk was established. Nearing readiness is the ability to scan and store the Manuscripts file on optical disk for subsequent retrieval under SCORPIO, plus availability of the text images on optical disk for the citations retrieved via SCORPIO. In final testing is the SEND command, allowing retrieved resultant sets in SCORPIO searching to be sent to and printed on remote location terminals.

On January 16, the entire Subject Authority input/update application became operational. This new online application, part of the larger MUMS cataloging and retrieval system, replaces the original subject authority batch system which was implemented in 1973. It is expected to yield substantially improved productivity in the input and updating of subject authority records by the Subject Cataloging Division. The authority records will be keyed directly into the master file and will be immediately available for searching. The retrospective database of 150,000 MARC: SUBJECTS was converted, loaded, and validated as part of the startup process. Verified records will be sent daily to the Cataloging Distribution Service to be distributed on a regular basis.

The new MUMS Visual Materials application went into production in November. The application permits cataloging staff in the Audiovisual Section of Processing Services to create and maintain preliminary and full cataloging records online. Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound and Prints and Photographs divisions of Research Services will use the Visual Materials application for the cataloging of archival films, prints, and photographs. The retrospective file of some 75,000 records, formerly known as MARC: FILMS, was loaded and validated as part of the conversion to the new online application.

The Serials Location (SERLOC) application also went into production in November. This application provides a means for retrospective conversion of serials file data contained in the visible file of the Serial Record Division. This serves as a preliminary step in moving toward the online Serials Management system.

A new SCORPIO database application called Survey Polls was installed for the Congressional Research Service in support of the Congress. This file contains information about public opinion survey polls conducted in the United States. It contains information about the survey taker, the survey or poll, and the questions asked, along with the answers.

Supplementing last year's major revision to the Copyright Office In Process System (COINS), the User Applications Office added a function to allow additional user control of the printing of management reports. Obsolete data were removed from the file, and a project was initiated to streamline this periodic archiving process and handle it on a routine basis. The system used for licensing of jukeboxes was revised for the 1986

licensing year. This included a redesign of the licensing certificates as requested by many of the jukebox operators. These changes will be incorporated into the major revision and modernization of this application currently in development.

The Manuscripts file, another MUMS application, progressed through the design and analysis stages as did the Generalized Bibliographies and the PREMARC applications through the design stage. Generalized Bibliographies enhances Research Services capabilities in composing and publishing the many special bibliographies produced by the Library. PREMARC will provide online maintenance capabilities for the 5,000,000-record pre-1968 file created in conjunction with Carrollton Press, Inc.

Central Services Division

During the first half of the fiscal year the Paperwork Management staff visited four congressional offices to provide advisory service on records management; processed 423 forms; and authorized the destruction of 469 cubic feet of records. Four cubic feet of Putman Archives records, six cubic feet of records pertaining to the National Union Catalog Publication Project, and three cubic feet of miscellaneous records were transferred to the Manuscript Division for inclusion in the Library of Congress Archives. The Washington National Records Center was authorized to relocate 25,095 cubic feet of copyright records from Suitland, Md., to its annex in Capitol Heights, Md.

The Printing Unit produced 17,565,227 impressions during this reporting period compared to 22,195,566 last year and diverted another 4,806,004 to the Government Printing Office.

The Composing Unit received an increased amount of work because offices which formerly sent work outside to be accomplished are now relying on in-house capabilities to produce art work and typesetting at a cheaper rate.

Financial Management Office

Library appropriations were cut $9,420,000 in 1986 by operation of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings provisions of P.L. 99-177, The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; this followed substantial reductions, below 1985 levels, in the 1986 funds first passed by Congress.

The Library requested $254,047,000 for 1987, an increase of $44,392,000 over 1986, mainly for a restoration of 1986 base cuts and $13,371,000 for furnishing the renovated Jefferson and Adams buildings.

Personnel and Labor Relations Office

Budgetary constraints have affected the activities of the Personnel and Labor Relations Office to varying degrees. The greatest impact has been in the Recruitment and Placement Office where the emphasis has shifted from recruitment to the initiation of the most significant reduction-in-force (RIF) in ten years in terms of the number of staff affected and the paucity of vacancies available. On February 4, the Library notified 70 staff members that their jobs were being abolished because of a need to reduce operating costs. The distribution of positions being abolished was 35 in Processing Services, 28 in Research Services, three in the Law Library, and two each in the Office of The Librarian and Management Services. As this reporting period ended, five staff members had been separated through the RIF process. In addition, 18 staff members with conditional and "not-to-exceed-date" appointments and 23 temporary staff members were also separated at the termination of their appointments.

The Personnel Operations Office processed only 141 appointments, a 63 percent decrease compared to the same period in the last fiscal year. Promotions totaled 306, down by 37 percent; resignations totaled 182 compared to 187 for the corresponding period last year. The 31 retirements were two less than last year.

The Recruitment and Placement Office processed 5,418 applications for posted vacancies, down from 14,723 for the corresponding period last year.

Because of fiscal restraints, the portion of the 1986-87 Library of Congress Intern Program for recent library school graduates was suspended for the year as were the 1986 Administrative Detail and College Cooperative Education programs. The Work-Study Program was continued on a departmental basis as funds permitted.

Staff members and visitors made 6,613 visits to the health rooms during this period. The Health Services Office performed 114 medical examinations on operators of video display terminals, five medical examinations, 139 cancer screening examinations on both men and women, and 27 other diagnostic tests on prospective and current staff members. The consulting psychiatrist conducted 80 consultations with staff members. The alcohol and drug counselor held 230 counseling sessions with staff and supervisors. In addition, the office conducted 770 counseling sessions with staff and supervisors who requested guidance on various health-related matters. The Red Cross conducted four Bloodmobile drives at the Library; 599 staff members participated and brought the Library to 93.5 percent of its goal.

The Office of Counsel for Personnel represented the Library in nine administrative appeals hearings, of

which seven were adverse actions and two involved enforced leave and suspension. Decisions were rendered in eight cases, all but one of which were favorable to the Library. Dispositions were also made in 21 adverse action cases. The legal staff of the office was involved in settlement efforts in 14 cases, of which nine were equal opportunity cases, four adverse actions, and one mixed.

The Labor Relations Office received eight unfair labor practice charges. Seven were withdrawn by the labor organizations with the approval of the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA). The remaining charge concerns the implementation of procedures for performance evaluations and is awaiting FLRA field investigation. The office processed 25 grievances, of which 14 were filed by AFSCME Local 2477, nine by AFSCME Local 2910, and two by CREA.

The Position Classification and Organization Office processed nine reorganizations in Processing Services, Research Services, Copyright Office, and Management Services.

The Staff Relations Office provided advice, assistance, and counseling in more than 4,884 contacts with staff and supervisory/management personnel. On November 26, 235 cash or honorary awards were presented to staff members for their achievements.

The Staff Training and Development Office announced new training programs including time and attendance, the professional development series, and stress management for support staff. Five career development workshops were held for 90 participants. The Employee Assistance Supervisory Training Course was given several times with a total of 72 supervisory and bargaining unit staff members participating. The Overview of the Supervisor's Manual and Fundamentals of Library Supervision courses were heavily oversubscribed, necessitating additional sessions. Two staff members attended the Federal Executive Institute and one the George Washington University Contemporary Executive Development Program for a total of 340 hours of training. The number of requests for training outside the Library dropped to 600 from 2,000 for the same period last year.

As part of the Affirmative Action Program in the Library, the Staff Training and Development Office counseled 81 Affirmative Action Fellowship Program participants who registered for the spring semester.

Photoduplication Service

During the first half of the fiscal year the Photoduplication Service placed three additional coin-operated copiers in the Law Library, Manuscript Division, and Thomas Jefferson reading rooms.

With funding from the American Trust for the British Library, the service is currently engaged in two microfilming projects for the British Library. In the replacement program, American publications which were damaged or destroyed by bombing during World War II are being replaced with microfilm of copies in Library of Congress collections. The first 100 titles have been processed. In the second project, significant titles which are lacking in specific subject areas in the British Library's collections are being supplied on microfilm. The first bibliography, *American Religious History,* was recently completed.

With support from members of the Western Association of Map Librarians and in cooperation with the Library's Geography and Map Division, the service reproduced two important collections of French Revolutionary maps on its 105mm cartographic camera. The larger collection of 175 topographical maps (1:86,000) was produced by César François Cassini de Thury during the period 1757–89. A companion collection of 33 maps (1:320,000) was issued by the Dépôt de la Guerre in 1852. The full set of French Revolutionary maps consisting of 217 positive silver halide microfiche may be purchased for $434.

During the past six months, the Photoduplication Service issued six circulars on research materials recently filmed and of interest to research institutions. For information write the Photoduplication Service, Library of Congress, Department C, Washington, DC 20540.

Procurement and Supply Division

The contract activities for the Library in the first half of fiscal year 1986 have been less than in previous years. The Procurement Section processed 16 percent fewer requisitions compared to the first half of fiscal year 1985. The annual renewing of rental, maintenance, and blanket purchase orders was further systematized.

At the close of the reporting period the Materiel Section had begun clearing the remaining Landover Center Annex warehouse of unnecessary storage items to accommodate furnishings associated with the renovation of the Jefferson and Adams buildings.

National Programs

On February 20, The Librarian of Congress announced the appointment of Ruth Ann Stewart, associate director for external services at the New York Public Library, as assistant librarian for National Programs, beginning April 14. Alan Jabbour, director of

the American Folklife Center, had served as acting department director from October 13 until Ms. Stewart's reporting date.

American Folklife Center

The return of tape copies of wax-cylinder recordings to the tribes among which they were recorded—the final phase of the center's Federal Cylinder Project—began in the early spring. This phase of the project is being funded by a grant from the Ford Foundation. The project team has mailed out letters to tribes to advise them of the dissemination, along with questionnaires to determine the tribe's interest in participating in the dissemination phase, resources for archiving the tapes, and programs for utilizing them.

The dissemination material includes cassette copies of the preservation tapes of the cylinders; volume 1, *Introduction and Inventory,* of the cylinder project's catalog series; and the appropriate regional volume of the series.

The two-sided videodisk *The Ninety-Six: A Ranch in Northern Nevada* and its accompanying 84-page booklet, prepared by Carl Fleischhauer, were issued. They describe a cattle ranch in Paradise Valley, a small community near Winnemucca, Nev.

The *Northeastern Indian Catalog and Southeastern Indian Catalog,* edited by Judith A. Gray and Dorothy Sara Lee with the assistance of Gregory Pontecorvo, combines two separate catalogs in one cover. It is the third volume published to date in the center's series, The Federal Cylinder Project: A Guide to Field Cylinder Recordings in Federal Agencies (Studies in American Folklife, no. 3).

The essays in the 176-page publication *Folklife Annual 1985* were selected and edited by Folklife Center Director Alan Jabbour and James Hardin, the Publishing Office's folklife publications editor.

Following the final concert of the 1985 season, which featured the D.C. Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America on October 15, the center presented a series of special events during the winter season. On November 7 the center offered the bilingual program "All Souls Day/El Dia de los Muertos," which included descriptions of All Souls Day traditions in Mexico and Central America.

The center heralded the holiday season with the program "Seasonal and Holiday Tales" on December 12. "To Hear A Hand," the center's March program, presented with the assistance of the Handicapped Program of the Library's Staff Relations Office, focused on the folklore of the deaf and deaf culture.

The center received three Compaq Deskpro microcomputers in November, two of which were installed in the center's offices and the third in the Archive of Folk Culture. In March the archive staff produced catalog cards with the aid of the Fortune microcomputer for all archival collections cataloged since September 1985.

Center for the Book

The program during the first half of fiscal year 1986 included lectures, symposia, publications, an exhibition, and continuation of four national reading promotion projects: Read More About It, Books Make a Difference, A Nation of Readers, and Cap'n O.G. Readmore.

The center's program is supported primarily by private, tax-deductible contributions. Major donations came from Frederick G. Ruffner, Houghton Mifflin, Reader's Digest, John Wiley & Sons, Pizza Hut, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Exxon Education Foundation, the Dula Foundation, the Hearst Corporation, and Random House, Inc.

A special event took place in October when the Library and CBS Television sponsored a gala dinner honoring the 100 CBS personalities who have presented reading messages in the Library of Congress/CBS Television Read More About It project. In November the exhibition "A Nation of Readers," opened. Cosponsored with the American Library Association, it features prize-winning photographs from ALA's 1985 National Library Week promotion. Printer Ward Ritchie and editor Harrison Hayford presented lectures during the first half of fiscal 1986, and the center sponsored seminars on The Book in 19th-Century America (with the University of Chicago's Graduate Library School), Book Studies in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, and Collecting Children's Books (with LC's Children's Literature Center). Three publications were issued: *Books in My Life* by Robert B. Downs and *The Indivisible World* by Daniel J. Boorstin, both in the center's Viewpoint Series, and *The Community of the Book: A Directory of Selected Organizations and Programs.*

Plans for "1987—The Year of the Reader," a new promotion project, began to take shape. Each of the state centers for the book (Florida, Illinois, Oklahoma, Oregon) affiliated with the Library of Congress center will use the theme, along with several national and international organizations. In addition, a Year of the Reader office was established by an independent group of interested citizens in San Francisco.

Children's Literature Center

The major event of this half year was the center's second annual symposium, which focused on children's

book collecting. For the center's third symposium it was decided to explore the theme of science in children's books.

The center planned a program for children, an audience it usually serves only indirectly, with the Library's consultant in poetry to take place in late spring. *Books for Children* (No. 2), the center's annual list of current children's books, was issued in March. The popularity of this publication, which was redesigned a year ago, has risen sharply. Sales increased by 63 percent according to the Consumer Information Center of the U.S. General Services Administration, distributor of the list.

Owing to the initiative and generosity of a friend the center established its own gift fund, which was named "The Children's Literature Center Fund." Another gift to the center came in the form of a collection of illustrated children's books given by the artist Fritz Eichenberg.

A sampling of questions provides an indication of the center's reference services to government and private agencies, writers, artists, and children's book specialists: the USIA requested a list of children's books for a traveling exhibit in India and the Middle East; the *Washington Post* requested verification of a Günter Grass statement relating to a Grimm tale; several artists showed their portfolios and asked for advice on how to find a publisher; a writer wanted to examine the portrayal of the American Indian in late 18th- and 19th-century children's books.

Individual researchers came from all over the world, including Japan, Yugoslavia, Thailand, Australia, Federal Republic of Germany, Norway, Sweden, Argentina, and Senegal.

Owing to the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budgetary measures the center's one support staff position was frozen and could be filled only on a temporary basis. However, three interns contributed to various projects and two volunteers assisted by donating approximately 300 hours of their time.

Educational Liaison Office

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales topped the list of 1,883 official visitors who came to the Library of Congress for special programs during the past six months. He personally requested an opportunity to discuss the U.S. Constitution at the Library during his three-day visit to Washington last fall. On the morning of November 11 the Library officials welcomed him, and he toured the Jefferson Building and greeted Library staff in a special area of the Great Hall before joining other government officials and Constitutional experts for an hour-long discussion of the Constitution.

Other notable visitors to the Library were Kathryn (Mrs. Bing) Crosby, the Postmaster General, the ambassador of Iraq, and members of the parliaments of 20 nations, including the president of the Senate of Jamaica and the speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya.

Among the hundreds of foreign librarians visiting the Library were the national librarians of Colombia and Venezuela and the director of the Turkish parliamentary library. The national archivists of China, New Zealand, Norway, and the Ivory Coast also paid visits to the Library.

Future librarians, now students of library and information science, came for day-long programs on the Library from many accredited Library schools.

Groups that visited the Library for orientations were numerous and varied and ranged from Nigerian library administrators to the annual participants of the President's Council for Executive Exchange.

The Library's Tour Office gave 1,203 tours to 20,297 visitors in the past six months, including 932 regular tours for 14,388 visitors and 271 special tours for 5,909 visitors. Owing to a reduction in staff, the tour leaders rotated weekly to the division office, assisting half-time with the official visitors program.

The highlight of the period's official functions arranged by the special events coordinators was undeniably the elegant, star-studded dinner in the Great Hall on October 29 celebrating 100 programs of the joint CBS/Center for the Book project "Read More About It." Other special events were the Cervantes exhibit opening and symposium; Geography and Map Division's "Surveyors of the Pacific" exhibit opening; the two-day symposium of the Children's Literature Center; the Dickens exhibit and film festival; the luncheon honoring Frederic Cassidy, editor of the *Dictionary of American Regional English;* the FLICC Forum and Online Users Update; the Preservation Microfilming Workshop; and the Engelhard Lecture.

Exhibits Office

In the first six months of fiscal year 1986, the Exhibits Office prepared and installed the following exhibitions:

A Celebration of the Fourth Centenary of La Galatea In conjunction with a symposium on the same theme, this exhibition marked the 400th anniversary of the publication of the first novel by Cervantes. A rare first edition of the book was borrowed from the Pierpont Morgan Library for the exhibition to join 73 Library of Congress items.

Surveyors of the Pacific: Charting the Pacific Basin, 1768–1842 Beginning with the expedition of Great Britain's James Cook in 1768, this exhibition features the

surveys of 22 expeditions from several countries to the vast, uncharted Pacific Basin.

A Nation of Readers: An Exhibition celebrating reading in America As a result of a photo contest sponsored by the American Library Association and the Library of Congress in conjunction with National Library Week, 41 prize-winning photographs chosen from 70,000 entries are shown in this exhibition which was made possible through a contribution by Pizza Hut, Inc., to the Center for the Book.

14th Annual Employees Arts and Crafts Show Some 140 items created by Library of Congress staff were displayed.

Charles Dickens and the Performing Arts Coinciding with a film series and on display in the lobby of the Mary Pickford Theater, this exhibition of 36 artifacts and memorabilia includes photos, handbills, plays, and a personal walking stick.

The Spirit of the Place: Photographs by Paul Strand Appearing in the lobby of the Jefferson Building is a photographic exhibition drawn from the Paul Strand Collection. Sixty-three photographs capture the character of the working people of Mexico, New England, France, and Italy. A smaller exhibit of Paul Strand's photographs is in the Madison Building's sixth floor green core.

Books in the Grand Tradition One of the largest projects this year, this exhibition opened in December in the Madison Gallery. Exhibited are 68 of the largest of the Library's large-format books spanning the 15th to 20th centuries. Richly fashioned and with elegant typography, these books are fine examples of the "grand tradition"—a style set by the aristocracy and wealthy middle-class Europeans.

Porgy and Bess The Performing Arts Library's exhibition commemorates the 50th anniversary of the first performance of the famous American folk opera. Borrowed from the South Carolina Historical Society for this show and never exhibited before is correspondence between George Gershwin and his collaborator DuBose Heyward, who, with his wife, wrote the play on which the opera is based. More than 30 items, many from the Library's Gershwin Collection in the Music Division, are featured.

Halley's Comet This exhibition of 25 items made its debut in the Madison's sixth floor central core.

Tremor: Political Art Acquired Through the Swann Fund Another collection of caricatures and satirical drawings from the Caroline and Erwin Swann Fund is exhibited in the Oval Gallery.

A Record in Detail: The Architectural Photographs Of Jack Boucher In cooperation with the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), the Traveling Exhibition Program produced an exhibition featuring architectural photographs by Jack Boucher, the first full-time professional photographer for HABS. Opening at the American Institute of Architects Building, the show will then be offered as a traveling exhibition.

During the last six months five exhibitions traveled to 11 sites, and the registrar has received, for loans totaling 276 items, 29 requests which have been fully negotiated or are in various stages of processing.

Federal Library and Information Center Committee

The Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) in its 21st year of operation as an interagency committee serving Federal library and information centers worldwide, sponsored a growing number of educational programs for the information community.

Meanwhile its operating network, the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK), grew to 1,001 members and participants, becoming the largest library network in terms of membership and the only one operating nationwide. In the reporting period, FEDLINK doubled, from 26 to 52, the number of services it makes available to the Federal sector at discounted prices.

FLICC's programs are developed and implemented through subcommittees and ad hoc committees. The two most active subcommittees have been the Education and Program Development subcommittees. The highlight of the fiscal year 1986 program thus far was the "Forum on Federal Information Policies: Their Implementation and Implications for Information Access," held at the Library on February 12 and attracting 200 Federal library and information center managers and information specialists from the association and corporate world as well as academic and public libraries.

Proceedings of the forum were videotaped for the first time and have been added to the Library of Congress collections in the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. FLICC members will be able to borrow VHS copies from the FLICC office for viewing. Meetings cosponsored with other information groups in the public and private sectors included "Cataloging Government Documents," October 21; "Seminar/Discussion on Future Needs for Library and Information Education," November 22; "GPO Program and Tour," held at the Government Printing Office, February 12. An educational program sponsored by FLICC alone was the "Cost Comparison Studies Seminar," held November 14, the last of three seminars on executing A-76. CD-ROM and Expert Systems developmental projects were assigned by the FLICC Program Development Subcommittee to the Microcomputer Demonstration Center for implemen-

tation. Also undertaken was an IDEA/LIST project which is a proposed inventory of projects for research, development, or early application of advanced information technologies, carried on in, or with the support of, the Federal government. In addition, the subcommittee is looking into the feasibility of a FLICC/FEDLINK Microcomputer User Group.

The Oryx Press, with the cooperation of FLICC, is compiling a *Directory of Federal Libraries* for publication in the near future. William R. Evinger, author of the work, reported in March that 2,800 questionnaires had gone out.

A questionnaire was mailed out to the FLICC representatives on March 21 regarding the impact the Gramm-Rudman Balanced Budget Act was having on the libraries and information centers at their agencies and departments. The survey covers fiscal years 1985 to 1987. Findings from the survey will be reported to the representatives at a future FLICC Quarterly Membership Meeting.

The *FLICC Newsletter* (originally the *FLC Newsletter*), which had been continuously published since October 20, 1965, underwent a dramatic face-lift with issue no. 135, January 1986. The redesigned newsletter features two-color printing, modern format, and regular news articles.

New Leadership

FLICC has a designated membership of 40 library and information centers. The Library of Congress, National Library of Medicine, and National Agricultural Library remain in positions of leadership, serving as members of FLICC's governing body, the Executive Advisory Committee. The chairman of FLICC is now Ruth Ann Stewart, who was recently appointed assistant librarian for National Programs.

Federal libraries, information centers, and other offices responded to FEDLINK's 26 new services by initiating 280 interagency agreements. The new serials subscription service with EBSCO, Faxon, and Southwest Business Publications accounted for 131 requests; the Technical Logistics Reference Network, 36; and Wilsonline, 18. The number of interagency agreements initiated to date for all FEDLINK services in fiscal year 1986 is 1,769, which is 154 more than all of fiscal year 1985. In February, visitors to the FLICC Microcomputer Demonstration Center included a librarian from Hong Kong, who spent a full day discussing library automation, and representatives from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the U.S. Postal Service, the Department of Energy, the U.S. Information Agency, the National Institutes of Health, and the Library of Congress Cataloging Distribution Service.

The FLICC Executive Advisory Committee voted at its March 12 meeting that the center take an interest in Expert Systems by purchasing at least one expert shell (1st-CLASS) and acquiring some demonstration disks to be able to demonstrate this software. Such an expert system could be used to point to appropriate federally published reference works or databases to answer ready reference questions received in Federal libraries. The center has acquired a database system on videodisk (Bibliofile on CD-ROM) which contains the Library of Congress MARC cataloging and produces catalog cards. There is an image-processing system by Datacopy and a Hewlett Packard Laser Jet+ printer attached to an IBM PC. In combination they have been used for desktop publishing experiments, e.g., the FEDLINK *Micro News*. A recent issue of *Micro News* included a questionnaire seeking to discover user interests and what systems are in place among Federal libraries.

Information Office

Although direct service to media representatives wishing to borrow books was worked out with the Loan Division, the call-in statistics in the Information Office continued to grow. During the first half of the fiscal year, the office received 1,840 requests for information, distributed 7,871 clippings from newspapers and magazines, and answered 53 questionnaires received by the Library.

Major news stories were the visit of the Prince of Wales; the appointment of the first poet laureate consultant in poetry, Robert Penn Warren; and the effect of budget cuts on the Library.

Other people and events attracting considerable attention by the press were Gwendolyn Brooks, one of the Library's most popular consultants in poetry in recent years, who was the subject of 34 interviews; Ruth Freitag, science reference specialist who was interviewed about Halley's Comet; a Cervantes symposium and exhibit; the L'Enfant collection of historic maps; Ray Handy's presentation on Ezra Pound; congressional cuts in the budget of NLS/BPH in the amount needed to publish *Playboy* in braille; the appearance of Joyce Carol Oates and other leading writers who read their PEN short story award winners; health stories relating to air and water in the Madison Building; the Dickens Film Festival in the Pickford Theater; the publication of *Early Motion Pictures:, The Paper Print Collection in the Library of Congress;* automation in the Library; preservation of collections; exhibition of the historic Strand photographs; and the White House News Photographers annual award winners. In addition to the hundreds of budget-related stories, others about the Library and its services appeared in

newspapers and magazines and on television here and abroad.

Press interest in the schedule for Prince Charles of Great Britain began some weeks before the visit with telephone calls requesting information, press passes to cover the visit, coordination of arrangements with the U.S. television network pool and the British television and newspaper representatives. Meetings were held with British Embassy and U.S. State Department press attaches and security officers. Credentialing of 111 press people was completed the Saturday before the event. At the request of the embassy, the reporters and photographers were assigned to specific areas, therefore roped areas were designated in several locations outdoors and inside the building. A pool of reporters was also given an opportunity to photograph the Prince in the Librarian's office as he met the Chief Justice and a small group consisting of Members of Congress and historians with whom he met to discuss the history of the U.S. Constitution. The Whittall Pavilion was used throughout the day as a newsroom with every seat taken by television technicians waiting to record from the pool coverage. Information Office staff available on that Labor Day holiday were assisted by volunteers from other Library divisions.

The sales and information counters reported total sales for the six-month period of $200,569. Catalog sales amounted to $68,187 of the total sales. A new sales shop supervisor was hired in December to oversee the training and supervision of the counter attendants, the bookkeeping (which includes accounting for 14 categories), and the reordering of stock. It was necessary to close the counter in the Madison Building because of the cold during the winter months but it was reopened to serve staff and public the first of April.

The Library of Congress Information Volunteers were recruited from among retirees of the Library through announcements, a meeting of those interested, personal letters, and telephone calls. The program, which was approved by Library officials in September 1985, finally began with the first volunteers reporting for duty on March 3. Twenty men and women signed in each week, taking turns staffing a desk in the Jefferson Building between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. each weekday. Answering as many as 300 questions a day from the public, the volunteers supplied information about the Library and its collections and about other institutions and services available in the city. During their first month volunteers gave 191 hours of service to the Library.

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Staff of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) spent a considerable amount of time during the past six months identifying ways to reduce costs of managing and implementing the NLS program. Short-range decisions have included recommending closing the Multistate Center for the South, eliminating a young adult recorded periodical, dropping Braille Magazine of the Quarter, placing ceilings on all magazine subscriptions nationally, reducing the fiscal year cassette book production program by 100 titles, eliminating the hand-transcribed volunteer braille-book program, and reformatting and consolidating production of network bulletins to the national network of cooperating libraries.

A Committee on Technology for the Blind and Physically Handicapped was established. Specific topics addressed include a demonstration/communications center at NLS, information on computer applications and related topics by way of a reference circular or fact sheet, consumer access to the BLND database, narration of computer books, equipment used by blind persons employed in network libraries, equipment used by public libraries to make collections accessible, and equipment used by braille transcribers.

The annual Ad Hoc Audio Equipment Committee meeting was held October 16–18. Some of the topics discussed were a review of current production of equipment and related material.

NLS management met twice with officials of the National Federation of the Blind, once at their headquarters in Baltimore and once at NLS. A prime topic continued to be the continuation of free mailing privileges. Other topics included NLS staff consulting on the development of NFB recording facilities, the E–1 machine evaluation, and the development of a draft NLS position regarding the sale of materials in braille.

Distinguished visitors to NLS during the period included Robert Benoist, president, Association Valentin Hauy, Paris, France; Valerie Moon, New South Wales, Australia; 18 members of the Japan Association of the Blind, Tokyo; Irving Silverman, executive committee, Jewish Braille Institute, New York City.

Publishing Office

The first half of fiscal year 1986 brought the inaugural issue of *Folklife Annual,* a major new publication and the result of extended collaboration between the Publishing Office and the American Folklife Center. American folklife was also the subject of the volume no. 2 of The Federal Cylinder Project: A Guide to Field Cylinder Collections in Federal Agencies, titled *Northeastern Indian Catalog and Southeastern Indian Catalog.*

Once again a number of books brought out by the Publishing Office had origins in lectures or conferences:

The Indivisible World: Libraries and the Myth of Cultural Exchange by Daniel J. Boorstin, originated as remarks at the General Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions in Chicago on August 19, 1985.

George Orwell Nineteen Eighty-Four: *The Man and the Book* presents papers and discussions from a conference held at the Library on April 30 and May 1, 1984.

Samuel Beckett: Nayman of Noland, by Richard Ellmann, is a lecture originally delivered at the Library on April 16, 1985.

Poets and Anthologists: A Look at the Current Poet-Packaging Process, was originally presented as a lecture at the Library on May 6, 1985, by Poetry Consultant Reed Whittemore.

The third edition of the *National Directory of Latin Americanists,* edited by Inge Maria Harman, brings together biographic and bibliographic data for 4,915 individuals with specialized knowledge of Latin America. Other contributions to research in area studies were *Africa South of the Sahara: Index to Periodical Literature,* compiled by the African Section, and *Chinese Newspapers in the Library of Congress: A Bibliography,* compiled by Han-chu Huang and Hseo-chin Jen. The office also published volume 14 of *Antarctic Bibliography,* edited by Geza T. Thuronyi and containing 2,795 abstracts of current Antarctic literature.

For the Center for the Book, the Publishing Office brought out two new studies: *The Community of the Book: A Directory of Selected Organizations and Programs,* compiled by Carren O. Kaston, and *Books in My Life,* by Robert B. Downs.

Volume 12 of *Letters of Delegates to Congress, 1774–1789,* edited by Paul H. Smith, covers the period from February 1 to May 31, 1779.

Finally, to bring some of the Library's most important publications to the attention of the reading public, the Publishing Office issued *Library of Congress Selected Publications, 1986–1987,* a catalog listing 44 books published by the Library and offered for sale through the U.S. Superintendent of Documents.

Congressional Research Service

Responding to congressional concerns accurately and promptly while implementing budgetary cost saving measures mandated by the Congress resulted in an extremely busy period for the Congressional Research Service (CRS). CRS responded to 225,000 requests for information during the first half of the 1986 fiscal year. The average number of requests completed per work day was 1,815.

The efficient handling of this huge workload could not have been accomplished without a major systematic effort to streamline reference and research services. The CRS computer system used in tracking and routing requests for information (ISIS) was enhanced during the past six months to permit the direct electronic transmission of inquiries from the Inquiry Section to the various research divisions, thus eliminating time-consuming hand delivery of requests.

Increased use of the CRS hotline services has also resulted in reduced response time as answers to common grammatical, statistical, and factual questions are quickly located and relayed to the congressional requester.

With the guidance of Joseph E. Ross, who became acting director in early January and was made director in March, cost cutting measures were identified. Among measures taken were a 20 percent cutback in serial subscriptions, a one-third reduction in items microfiched, a one-half reduction in orders placed with the Government Printing Office for distribution materials, and a reduction in copies printed of certain CRS finding aids, such as the *Subject Catalog of CRS Reports in Print.* Printing this catalog in a new compressed format saved even more.

Retrenchment efforts have also meant a drop from seven to three daily mail deliveries of books and rush items to congressional office buildings. Nonrush materials are now handled through the House and Senate post offices. In addition, CRS now relies on congressional "orange bag" service to respond to district/state offices.

On March 9, evening hours in the La Follette Congressional Reading Room were cut back to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays whenever either house is not in recess. Sunday service has been eliminated. The hours of the Jefferson Congressional Reading Room were modified slightly to coincide more closely with the new hours of operation of the Library's public reading rooms. Notwithstanding the impact of these economy measures, research and reference activities continued at a brisk pace.

At the direction of the appropriate House and Senate committees, CRS has produced such major studies as those on: commodity surpluses and food aid, contracting out and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-76, fundamentals of nuclear arms control, a nuclear proliferation factbook, Title III of the Older Americans Act, the comprehensive tax reform proposal, Social Security, Medicare and the unified budget, the role of high yield bonds in capital markets, the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Deficit Reduction Act, the defense budget reauthorization, the Senate cloture rule, rights of civil service employees, illegal immigration, and video display terminals in the workplace. Extensive assistance was given to both House and Senate committees working on a new supplemental Civil Ser-

vice Retirement System bill. Among other major research efforts undertaken by CRS were studies of the historical role of OMB in the Federal budget process, procedures for modifying city-county relationships, and the privatization of prisons. A total of 78 major studies were compiled during this half-year.

A total of 85 new issue briefs became available during this period in which 123,000 briefs were distributed, an average of 20,500 briefs per month. New titles covered such topics as the 1985 farm bill, the U.S. Postal Service monopoly, interest rates and the economic outlook, Medicare fiscal year 1987 budget, and fluoride in drinking water.

CRS continues to use a wide array of formats when conveying information. Over 33 audiovisual products were created during this period. Many public policy institutes were filmed for televised broadcasts at later times. These included presentations on the Philippines, nuclear arms control, electric utilities, Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, and the U.S. Constitution. Audio briefs on acid rain, current issues in the Middle East, land-based ICBMs, and oil prices enabled Members and staff to learn more about these subjects. "The Legislative Reference Shelf" and "Constituent Mail" are now available in slide as well as video format for congressional office use.

The most popular Info Pack was *Gramm-Rudman-Hollings and the Deficit Reduction Act* (4,728 distributed), followed closely by *Tax Reform Issues* and *Terrorism.* Although their popularity remains high, the list of Info Packs and the number of multiple copies available to each congressional office have been substantially reduced, resulting in significant savings in printing costs. During this period, 65,354 Info Packs were distributed, even as the list was pared from 163 to 103.

Many of the topics of those dropped Info Packs are now being addressed in a new, streamlined memo format. They contain a brief review of the topic and a listing of bibliographic references and noteworthy organizations that a constituent might wish to refer to for more detailed information. To date, 17 memos have been compiled, covering such diverse areas as how to obtain copies of historical documents, how to secure employment abroad, legislative procedures, patent and trademark information, political action committees, lobbyist organizations, financial aid for students, and doing business with the Federal Government.

A total of 50 seminars and institutes were conducted, drawing 2,992 congressional participants, including 50 Members. Four institutes were conducted for Members and committee staff having legislative responsibility and one for field office staff primarily concerned with constituent work. The Capitol Hill Information Seminar, which acquaints new staff with the information resources of the Capitol Hill community, drew a total of 89 attendees. Two legislative and two advanced legislative institutes assisted 500 staffers in learning the complex and intricate rules and procedures in the legislative process. A series of major seminars on various aspects of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings proved quite popular, as did the CRS seminar on the fiscal year 1987 budget. In all, 562 participants were briefed on the major public policy issues facing the 99th Congress at the onset of the second session.

Library Services Division staff collected copies of 3,400 articles and documents originally cited in the CRS bibliographic database to be scanned into disk.

As part of the Optical Disk Pilot Project at the Library, visiting parliamentary delegations and scholars were briefed and given tours by CRS staff. Countries represented were Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Grenada, Honduras, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Nicaragua, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the Soviet Union, and the United Kingdom.

Processing Services

The level of activity throughout Processing Services for the first half of fiscal year 1986 has been at a fairly high level. In some divisions output is comparable to that of last year in spite of loss of staff through attrition and reductions-in-force (RIFs). In the Cataloging Directorate, however, it is expected that the amount of material cataloged will drop by approximately 15,000 or 8 percent.

The department's involvement in strategic planning, which began in the previous fiscal year, has aided immeasurably in the process of examining operations, setting new priorities, and restructuring the way the department carries out its mission with reduced funds. The assistant librarian for Processing Services has led the Planning Group, consisting of the three directors (for Acquisitions and Overseas Operations, for Bibliographic Products and Services, and for Cataloging) and the executive and assistant executive officers, in planning for the department.

A key position for training staff in the department was filled when Judith P. Cannan was named chief of the Technical Processing and Automation Instruction Office in October. The office assumed responsibility for planning Processing Services' second continuing education program for staff with managerial and supervisory responsibilities. The resulting three-hour symposium on Cooperation Between Processing Services and the North American Research Library Community was held on March 3.

Highlights of the department's three areas of responsibility reflect the staff's commitment to excellence and recount some of their accomplishments.

Acquisitions and Overseas Operations

In December the Cataloging in Publication (CIP) Division celebrated the completion of the first successful year of having the National Library of Medicine provide the descriptive cataloging for all biomedical CIP titles. Because of delays in the implementation of the automated systems for machine readable data files, the CIP Software Pilot to catalog 1,000 software titles has been delayed. CIP data were prepared for 17,570 titles—seven titles less than last year at this time; 8,470 card numbers were preassigned—22 percent of which were for titles that will eventually be sent in for CIP data.

The Overseas Operations Division completed a revision of procedures to streamline the processing of new serial titles selected by the field directors for addition to the collections. Automation of field office operations continued. By the end of March all offices except Rio de Janeiro had personal computers, and a contract was awarded for the application of microcomputers to the acquisition process at the New Delhi office. In the second quarter of the fiscal year the Rio de Janeiro office concentrated on its New Republic Project to acquire and organize for microfilming as a special collection the "gray literature" issued by Brazilian political grassroots organizations. The office staff also implemented the transfer of responsibility for Uruguayan acquisitions from Washington, D.C., to Rio de Janeiro.

Donald F. Jay, formerly director for public services at the New York Public Library, was appointed field director of the Cairo office.

Funds for purchase of library materials by the Order Division have been cut by $1 million since October. These budget reductions have necessitated reductions in the allotments for non-current materials, subscriptions, and blanket orders, as well as a moratorium on bibliographic services agreements. Particular attention has been given to improving arrangements to purchase publications from the People's Republic of China, the Philippines, Turkey, and Sierra Leone. Receipts from Japan continued uninterrupted following the closing of the field office in Tokyo at the end of the 1985 calendar year.

Receipts of U.S. Government publications through the Exchange and Gift Division (E&G) from the Government Printing Office (GPO) increased by 8 percent over receipts for the comparable period for fiscal year 1985, but decreased by 16 percent for all other Federal agencies. With the passage of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation GPO proposed that copies of documents made available to the Library by law be reduced from 25 to 20. After consultation GPO agreed to supply 25 copies each of 32 serial titles but to reduce the number of copies of all other serial titles to 20. There has been a considerable increase in activity in Japanese exchanges. E&G staff have resumed managing the exchanges with 96 institutions previously handled by the Tokyo office. Official exchange receipts have increased noticeably from China, Taiwan, South Korea, Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Kuwait, Ghana, Zimbabwe, and South Africa. A bibliographic services agreement covering northern Mexico resulted in the acquisition of previously unidentified materials from an area not well covered up to now by either blanket order dealers or exchange partners.

Cataloging

Descriptive cataloging in the Descriptive and Shared Cataloging divisions has shown a continuing increase in titles cataloged per hour, even though the total production is down somewhat at 92,386. The output has continued to keep abreast of receipts although backlogs are beginning to accumulate in some areas. Arabic cataloging has suffered most heavily, owing to the loss of two Arabic-language catalogers. The CJK Project, in which several cataloging divisions participate, produced 11,420 titles in all three languages (Chinese, Japanese, and Korean).

A decrease in acquisitions in certain areas, the increasing emphasis on minimal level and microfiche cataloging, and increased productivity allowed catalogers to participate in additional special projects. Among the notable projects carried out by the descriptive cataloging staff were: (1) *NUC Project.* The project, initiated in fiscal year 1985 to identify bibliographic records designated as being MARC records but missing in the online database, was reinstituted. (2) *CIP Upgrade Project.* This project involves upgrading to full records some 6,000 CIP bibliographic records that were identified as never having been verified and converted to full records because the publishers failed to submit published books for the items. (3) *Overseas Cataloging.* The New Delhi Cataloging Project assigns a greater share of full cataloging duties to New Delhi catalogers. The primary project responsibility of providing their training rests with the South Asian Languages Section of the Descriptive Cataloging Division. Hence, the head of the section and a specialist from the Office for Descriptive Cataloging Policy visited New Delhi during January–March to provide further training for the New Delhi staff.

An important position was filled with the appointment of Michael Shelley as chief of the Shared Cataloging Division in November.

The Name Authority Cooperative (NACO) project continued to flourish. The number of name authorities processed in the first half of the year was 20,957, bringing the total to 185,542; the 5,756 bibliographic records processed brought the total to 42,174. Documentation

for the Linked Systems Project (LSP) was, for the most part, completed and equipment for the transitional periods installed, including a printer associated with NACO's OCLC terminal. Some existing projects were modified: the University of Chicago began contributing original cataloging for rare books, and the University of Illinois began submitting test records under a new bibliographic agreement for Slavic titles. With the distribution of authority records from the Library of Congress to RLIN within 24 hours via the LSP telecommunications link, NACO has been able to streamline its internal procedures: headings mailed in from the RLIN libraries no longer have to be searched and can be routed directly to the MARC Editorial Division for keying.

The tenth edition of *Library of Congress Subject Headings* (LCSH) was published in March. The loading of the master file of subject authority records also began in March as a major step in implementing an online input and update system for subject authorities. New headings created since November began to be input into the database in February. A revised edition of *Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings* and the new classification schedule for *KJV-KJW, Law of France,* were published in December. Catalogers began applying numbers for law of individual European countries in March. The subdivision "—Addresses, essays, lectures" was discontinued in new cataloging. Despite a rise in productivity, the backlog of books awaiting subject cataloging rose by 10,000.

The Decimal Classification Division has finished the following developments for Edition 20 of the *Dewey Decimal Classification* (DDC): generalia (information systems, computer science, bibliography, library science, museology, publishing), sociology, customs, astronomy, and music. The Editorial Support System (the automated means to produce Edition 20 of the DDC) advanced to the stage of having five terminals in place and wired for the scheduled arrival in mid-May of the AT&T computer.

Improvements were made in the MARC Editorial Division's production operations during this period. The number of book records on hand decreased from 23,000 to 5,500—a 76 percent reduction. Name authority records on hand decreased from 20,300 to 10,700—a 47 percent drop. The arrearage of changes to monograph records dropped 53 percent, from 17,000 to some 8,000. The MARC books database now stands at 2,262,233 records. There are now 1,535,075 name authority records and 86,156 series authority records in the MARC authorities database. Efforts continue in loading of records into the PREMARC database. Now about 95 percent complete, it contains 4,541,886 records. The Bibliographic Flip Project, to bring headings on older MARC book records into conformity with the second edition of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* (AACR 2), was completed in March. This contract work resulted in 238,751 changes to MARC records.

Much of the accomplishment realized by the Special Materials Cataloging Division occurred in the automated cataloging environment. Two important steps were taken toward reducing the section's considerable backlog. A very minimal accessions level record was devised to gain preliminary control over the 6,000-item sound recording arrearage. Agreement has been reached on the cataloging and content designation guidelines for the "brief" cataloging of music materials and sound recordings. During this half year the Visual Materials Online system became operational. Audiovisual Section catalogers are now doing all their bibliographic work in an online mode. The newly created file includes the 74,000 MARC records produced by the section since 1972. The loading of these records was completed in February.

Copy of the five-year cumulated index (1980–1984) to the *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections* (NUCMC) was sent to GPO in January; about 1,200 collections were cataloged for the 1985 volume. After years of planning, the Bound Pamphlet Project, designed to gain bibliographic control over the 30,000-item collection of bound pamphlets in the custody of the Rare Book and Special Collections Division, was implemented. By the end of March, 113 volumes, containing more than 1,000 pamphlets, had been processed.

The chief of the Office for Descriptive Cataloging Policy was involved in the meeting of the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR (JSC) held in Toronto, March 19–21. The main purpose of the meeting was to rewrite chapter 9 of AACR 2 to broaden its scope to cover all types of computer files, whether for mainframes or smaller computers, and whether the files are data or programs or both. In October staff of the Office for Descriptive Cataloging Policy conducted training sessions to indoctrinate staff members of the Prints and Photographs; Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound; and Manuscript divisions and the Music Section of Special Materials Cataloging Division in the rules and procedures to be followed in creating name authority records. Also in October the chief introduced the editors in Catalog Management and Publication Division (CMP) to the AACR 2 rules for their editing of bibliographic reports from other libraries and preparing name authority records for new headings needed to provide access to these reports. Records for the authorities created by these units are being added to the Library's machine catalog. The office continued to work on the final harmonization process for the four International Standard Biblio-

graphic Descriptions (ISBDs) currently being revised by IFLA for monographs, serials, non-book materials, and cartographic materials. It also worked with staff members of the Special Materials Cataloging Division to produce a first draft of a new ISBD focused on computer files.

Bibliographic Products and Services

The Automation Planning and Liaison Office has been involved in several ongoing projects and applications. The functional requirements for the first phase of the new acquisitions system, to be known as ACQUIRE, were scaled down because of limited resources. The Automated Systems Office (ASO) produced a Project Definition and a draft Project Plan for in-house development of this system. Software to allow for the input and update of bibliographic records on the Comterm terminals was developed and the release implemented in April. A schedule for exchanging all Four Phase terminals—except those used with the Automated Process Information File (APIF)—for Comterms has been set. Work continued on the second release of the automation of the *National Union Catalog* (NUC), designed to permit machine readable NUC and Register of Additional Locations (RAL) reports from reporting libraries to be added to the NUC. A new project was initiated to streamline the process for loading serial cataloging records created on OCLC as part of the CONSER Project into the Library's database. Office automation in the department advanced another step as microcomputers (IBM PCs) with associated software were received and installed in February and March. Each of the divisions now has at least one microcomputer.

Heading the list of developments in CMP was the unexpected reduction-in-force of 38 employees involved in maintaining the Library's card catalogs. Although such actions have long been anticipated as a result of growing reliance upon the automated catalog, budgetary cuts prompted an earlier implementation of these plans than originally envisioned. By the end of March, the NUC database contained 141,206 records, a 53 percent increase over the beginning of the fiscal year. During the same period 43,206 records were verified and forwarded for publication in the NUC catalogs. Other publications prepared for publication include the January–June 1985 issue of *Music, Books on Music, and Sound Recordings* (February), and the 1968–1985 cumulative *Register of Additional Locations* (March). Staff continued to review Main Catalog cards prior to microfilming by K.G. Saur. By the end of March letters N–Z had been reviewed and Q–Z had been filmed.

The Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) began exploring the distribution of MARC data on compact disk with the initiation of the design phase of the Disk Distribution Pilot Project. Beginning in 1986, NUC-contributed records are now in the *NUC Books* and *NUC U.S. Books* subject and series indexes. All work has been completed to enable CDS to receive MARC tapes in the UNIMARC format and convert them to the LCMARC internal format for further processing. Two major changes begun in January affect operational relationships between the Automated Systems Office and the Cataloging Distribution Service: (1) all card printing activities formerly done by ASO will now be done by CDS; and (2) all records disseminated to CDS from ASO will now be done via electronic transfer.

The Serial Record Division finished a major reorganization during this period. The former Editing and Input Section has been reconstituted as a third serials cataloging section. Under the new structure, all serials catalogers share responsibility for serials descriptive cataloging of newly received titles and for CONSER authentication. The CONSER Futures Study was completed and discussed at February meetings of the CONSER Advisory Group and the CONSER participants. The study is available as number 14 in the Network Planning Paper series. Initial entry of abstracting and indexing coverage information for approximately 48,000 serials in the CONSER database is now finished. Staff members have been adding standard data elements (ISSN, key titles, and standard title abbreviations) to these records. Also in 1986, division staff members began to create brief records for all newly received serial titles—approximately 20,000 per year. These will become part of the Library's automated serials management system when it becomes available in 1990.

Network Development and MARC Standards

The Network Advisory Committee met in December in Washington, D.C., to discuss "a common vision for nationwide networking and a plan to realize it."

Phase one of the LSP test facility was completed and was used successfully to validate the OCLC implementation. The test facility currently tests the telecommunications component of an LSP installation for adherence to the Standard Network Interconnection (SNI) protocols. Testing of the LSP application for record transfer (both distribution and contribution) continued with OCLC.

Work on the requirements for making foreign MARC records available in the APIF File is continuing. This will be accomplished through enhancements of specifications for the APIF 2 application. It is planned that initially tapes of bibliographic records for monographs received from Great Britain, Canada, and Australia will be loaded into the APIF File. The

availability of these records will support the efficient processing of foreign imprints.

Update number 12 to the *MARC Standards for Bibliographic Data,* containing the changes discussed at the July 1985 USMARC Advisory Group meetings, became available for purchase from CDS in February. It also includes additions to the USMARC Authorities format to accommodate better thesauri with hierarchical structures.

Research Services

Budget Cuts

Reductions in the Library's 1986 budget have had major impacts on public services and programs in Research Services.

The first casualties were the staff members specially employed to conduct an inventory of the collections. The 20 additional indefinite positions authorized through fiscal 1986 were discontinued at the end of January. Although the inventory effort will go on, loss of the trained and dedicated staff will delay completion of the inventory. Class P is 50 percent complete.

Of more immediate concern to many researchers was curtailment of hours of service in the department's reading rooms. Holiday service was discontinued effective January 20; Sunday service, March 9; and evening service (except Wednesday), March 10. In addition, half-day Saturday service in the Asian Division, African and Middle Eastern Division, European Division, and Geography and Map Division reading rooms was discontinued. These actions were the occasion for widespread comment, objection, and protest. Less visible but no less damaging in their impact on department programs were reductions in preservation allocations. Preservation microfilming was particularly hard hit.

The National Referral Center (NRC)—which had been established in the 1960s, merged with the Science and Technology Division, then given independent divisional status again five years ago—was abolished. About half its staff members were given reduction-in-force notices. Its remaining functions and staff were transferred to the General Reading Rooms Division. The staff will continue to maintain the NRC database, but referral activities and publications will be sharply curtailed.

The Federal Research Division, which performs research for other government agencies on transferred funds, also felt the impact of a reduction in available funds from one of its sponsoring agencies.

Acquisitions

A microfilm exchange negotiated in August 1985 with the Biblioteca Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, has led to first receipts: 157 reels of microfilm of four Brazilian periodicals. A rare work on 17th-century technology, G. Branca's *Le Machine* (Rome, 1629), has been added to the Library's science and technology holdings. The Rare Book and Special Collections Division has acquired a rare book of verse by Paul Laurence Dunbar, the Afro-American writer who was a reading room assistant in the Library 1897–98. The book is *Majors and Minors,* privately printed in Toledo, Ohio, in 1896.

The Curatorial/Reference Service

In fiscal year 1985 the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division (M/B/RS) examined and found acceptable more than five million feet of safety film produced from nitrate originals in the division's Dayton, Ohio, laboratory. The Visual Materials Online system was accepted in M/B/RS in November. It is expected to facilitate processing and cataloging work considerably, not only in M/B/RS but also in the Prints and Photographs Division (P&P). Staff members of P&P routinely review surplus Copyright Office pictorial materials stored at the Landover Center Annex. More than 100,000 items have been surveyed in the six-month period. Since December, the Special Materials Cataloging Division, Processing Services, has been giving special attention to the pamphlet collection of the Rare Book and Special Collections Division, providing a modified form of minimal level cataloging. By late March, more than 1,000 pamphlets had been processed. The Loan Division over the last months eliminated a backlog of interlibrary loan material awaiting charging from a five- to six-week period to a state of currency. Material was leaving the Charge Records Unit within a few days of receipt.

Preservation

In cooperation with the American Library Association, the National Preservation Program Office sponsored "Preservation Microfilming: Administrative Issues" on March 4–5, a conference which drew 105 registrants and a waiting list.

Budget reductions in 1986 will most seriously affect binding and rebinding, motion picture preservation, preservation microfilming, and phased conservation supplies. In addition, staff reductions have affected the preparation of material for various preservation procedures. By March 31, backlogs had already developed in the Book Preparation Section of the Binding Office.

As reported in the LC *Information Bulletin* of March 17, engineering problems were experienced in the diethyl zinc (DEZ) deacidification test facility at Goddard Space Flight Center. These problems and their solution will delay completion of a Mass Deacidi-

fication Facility to be constructed at Ft. Detrick, Md., in compliance with P.L. 98-427 (1984). The problems led to a brief fire (eight seconds or less) in December and a large fire and explosion February 21, as NASA engineers sought to empty the lines of DEZ following the earlier incident. The Library is proceeding with tests calculated to perfect the design features to avoid further mishaps and initiate true mass deacidification of books.

Relocations

The European Reading Room and division staff stationed in the Adams Building were relocated December 13 and 14 to the Northwest Pavilion and North Curtain, second floor, Jefferson Building, as part of the overall renovation effort. In its new location the division is situated between the Hispanic Division, which moved to the Northwest Gallery, second floor, December 6, and the Rare Book and Special Collections Division, which moved to the eastern end of the North Curtain on the same date. The moves have required some adjustments to new conditions on the part of staff and patrons, but with the cooperation of various Library offices the temporary locations have been made tolerable "for the duration" and in some respects more advantageous.

Poet Laureate Named

The Library announced the appointment of Robert Penn Warren as Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress on February 26. The position has existed since 1937 when the first Consultant in Poetry, Joseph Auslander, was appointed. It was renamed as a result of P.L. 99-194, enacted December 22, 1985, and additional duties authorized. Mr. Warren, who had been Consultant in Poetry 1944-45, is the only American writer to have won Pulitzer prizes in both poetry (twice) and fiction. One of the most honored of American writers, he will assume his duties in the fall.

Public Programs

The fall and winter literary season was an unusually strong one, featuring a 75th anniversary program celebrating the Poetry Society of America; a symposium on the 150th anniversary of Tocqueville's *Democracy in America;* and November appearances by Garrison Keillor and William Golding, and British actor Alec McCowen as Rudyard Kipling—all of which drew large crowds. Mr. Keillor's appearance at the Library was videotaped by Channel 26 and shown over the Public Broadcasting System.

Channel 26 also produced a television special on the programs of the Library's Music Division entitled "The Unquiet Library." It was first shown November 25. Donald L. Leavitt, who had been responsible for many of the Music Division activities in recent years as chief of the division, died that same week after a long and debilitating illness. He had, however, lived long enough to see the television program. The Music Division continued its customary high-quality programming. In February alone, ten chamber music concerts were presented. In addition, the number of radio stations broadcasting the Library's concerts reached 77, more than double the number from the previous year.

Three series marked the fall 1985 offerings in the Mary Pickford Theater: "Before Rashomon: Japanese Film Treasures of the 30s and 40s"; "Charles Dickens," featuring a few of the many cinema versions of Dickens' novels and tales; and a repeat of the "Hollywood" series on silent-filmmaking. To these were added two "Washington premieres," and an illustrated lecture on the film music of George Gershwin. The major winter series was "'Acting It Many Ways': Shakespeare on Film and Television," presented in collaboration with the Folger Shakespeare Library. A secondary series was a group of films organized under the heading *noir* landscapes.

A new exhibit, "Surveyors of the Pacific: Charting the Pacific Basin, 1768-1842," opened in the Geography and Map Division exhibit area on November 12. The exhibition contained 79 items, including 49 maps, charts, and harbor plans. Curators were Gary Fitzpatrick and James Flatness of Geography and Map.

The 400th anniversary of *La Galatea,* Cervantes' first major novel, was commemorated with a symposium, "A Celebration of Cervantes," October 25 and 26, and an exhibit in the Great Hall. The Hispanic Division, cosponsor of that event, also cosponsored a symposium devoted to the work of Ernesto Sábato in January, featuring the Argentine author's own autobiographical statement about his work.

Kudos

T.R. Reid, *The Chip* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1984), described the Library's Science Reading Room as "a great national treasure" and said of "the kind and knowledgeable staff" that they were "the mainstays of my research from beginning to end." D.H. Stoddart, Department of Geography, Downing College, Cambridge University, who was a recent Smithsonian Institution regents' fellow, praised the Geography and Map Division. He wrote: "I have never been in a place with such riches, but more to the point I have never been in a place with so hospitable

a welcome. You set new standards for the running of map collections—which I am sure would curdle the blood of the more staid custodians of some of our Old World institutions."

Law Library

In spite of budget reductions which forced many belt-tightening decisions during the first months of fiscal year 1986, the Law Library can list a number of positive achievements. In October representatives from the Library of Congress and New York Public Library (NYPL) met to discuss the status of their cooperative microfilming program for official gazettes. Velma Newton of the University of the West Indies and Sandra Coleman of Harvard University Law Library also attended. The Library of Congress, in cooperation with the University of the West Indies at Cave Hill, Barbados, agreed to assume responsibility for microfilming the official gazettes of selected Commonwealth Caribbean countries that had previously been microfilmed by NYPL, beginning in calendar year 1986.

On December 6 the Law Library film "Legacy of Law" received a Golden Eagle Award at a ceremony and reception sponsored by the Council on Non-theatrical International Events. Thomas Dan Burney was appointed to the newly created position of rare book librarian in February. He is responsible for the management, organization, development, description, interpretation, service, and preservation of the Law Library's rare book collection.

The Law Library collections of rare and valuable materials have been enriched by the addition of new items. The first is actually two works by Gaspard Thaumas de la Thaumassiere which have been bound together. They are *Décisions sur les coutumes de Berry: Livres V et VI,* Bourges, M. Levez, 1675, and *Anciens arrêts du Parlement, concernant le Berry . . . communiqués par Vyon d'Herouval,* Bourges, M. Levez, 1675.

The Law Library also acquired a rare first French edition of *Blackstone's Commentaries,* 1776, not listed in Eller's bibliography. *Shooting at the President; the Remarkable Trial of Richard Lawrence for an Attempt to Assassinate the President of the United States,* 1835, was transferred to the Rare Book Room. These two books were acquired through the American Bar Association Rare Book Fund.

Tao-tai Hsia, chief of the Far Eastern Law Division, delivered a paper on legal education in the People's Republic of China before the regional conference of the Association for Asian Studies. At the mid-year American Bar Association meeting the Special Committee on the Facilities of the Law Library was approved to continue. Many Library staff members had written and spoken in support of the committee.

The Law Library continues its commitment to service the research needs of the Congress and other government agencies as its first order of business. This work often reflects issues in the news such as the ability of former top French and German government officials to be employed by foreign interests; corporate takeovers in Greece; internal security act measures in South Africa; terrorist extradition with Tunisia; or legislation concerning asbestos removal from buildings in Western Europe. This means that the department must continue to assure the completeness of its collections and the professional caliber of its staff, notwithstanding reductions in appropriations.

Copyright Office

Registrations

During the first half of this fiscal year, the Copyright Office registered 273,047 copyright claims. At this rate, the office will register approximately 560,000 claims in fiscal year 1986, a four percent increase over fiscal year 1985. This additional workload has been processed with a six percent decrease in staff, from 532 to 500, which occurred because of the $726,000 budget reduction under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation.

Division Chief Appointed

Peter Young was appointed chief of the Cataloging Division in October. He came to the Library of Congress in 1980 as a customer services officer in the Cataloging Distribution Service Division and was assistant chief of the MARC Editorial Division before coming to the Copyright Office.

Office Automation

Immediately following the installation of the full Copyright Office In-Process System (COINS) cash tracking system, a great deal of time and effort was spent working out operational, programming, and procedural problems resulting from processing registrations in an entirely new, but much more efficient way. The COINS Tally File, a workload measurement tool, was updated to reflect total work received and processed. Some statistical reports have been generated from the file to assist in formulating the fiscal year 1987 budget submission and help the staff plan for workflow improvements.

Jukebox Certificate Redesigned

The compulsory license jukebox certificate was revised as a result of the agreement reached by the music performing rights organizations—the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, BMI, and SESAC—and the Amusement Music Operators Association, which represents jukebox operators. A Jukebox Administration Committee was formed to implement the provisions of the agreement and maintain communications between the parties. Representing the Copyright Office on this committee is the chief of the Licensing Division, Walter Sampson.

Labor/Management Working Group and Satellite Groups

The Copyright Office continued its participation in consultative management through the work of satellite groups of labor/management representatives in each division and a parent group, the Labor/Management Working Group (LMWG). To facilitate communications between LMWG and the individual satellite groups as well as among the groups themselves, each satellite group chose a liaison person to attend a monthly meeting of the LMWG. LMWG also surveyed staff members on their assessment of consultative management and identified areas of continuing concern. The number of complaints and grievances involving the office has fallen sharply in the past four years since the introduction of consultative management, which helps settle potential disputes at a low level.

LMWG representatives spoke to the Library of Congress Professional Association Special Interest Group for Managers and participated in a symposium on public sector productivity improvement sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

Lectures and Seminars

The Examining Division continued its lecture series "View from the Other Side." Among the speakers were Harvey Winter, U.S. Department of State, on the interaction between the department and the Copyright Office; Carol Risher, Association of American Publishers, on book piracy; Paul Brier, who writes music for public and network television; and Robert Osterberg, a New York attorney, who presented a lecture with recordings of music plagiarism claims that have been filed in the courts.

Shen Rengan, deputy head of the Copyright Study Group of the Publisher's Association of the People's Republic of China, visited the Copyright Office in December in preparation for a visit by a delegation of ten Chinese officials to study the U.S. copyright system in May. Copyright Office staff members who would be meeting the visitors attended lectures in March by Chi Wang, head of the Library's Chinese and Korean Section, Research Services Department, and Tao-tai Hsia, chief of the Far Eastern Division of the Law Library.

International Meetings

Pat Harrison, assistant register of copyrights, was one of three guest speakers at a copyright symposium held October 7–11, in Cairo, Egypt. The symposium was sponsored by the World Intellectual Property Agency (WIPO) and Egypt.

Register of Copyrights Ralph Oman served as head of the U.S. delegation to the November WIPO meeting of governmental experts to consider a proposed new treaty to protect the layout of design of integrated circuits (mask works fixed in semiconductor chip products). General Counsel Dorothy Schrader was a member of the delegation.

Marybeth Peters, policy planning adviser, served as a member of a U.S. fact-finding group from the Interagency Working Group on Intellectual Property during the first week in October. The group visited Ottawa to communicate its concerns about the absence of copyright protection for U.S. programming retransmitted throughout Canada. She also attended a Unesco/WIPO Meeting of Governmental Experts on Model Provisions for National Laws on Publishing Contracts for Literary Works, December 2–6 in Paris.

Chris Meyer, policy planning adviser, visited Korea in December as part of a U.S. trade team assembled by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to discuss protection for U.S. intellectual property and improved patent protection.

Patrice Lyons, attorney-adviser, attended a meeting of the Committee of Governmental Experts on Model Provisions of National Laws on Employed Authors in Geneva January 27–31.

Former Acting Register of Copyrights Donald Curran and Lewis Flacks, policy planning adviser, served as *ex officio* members of the Ad Hoc Working Group on U.S. Adherence to the Berne Convention, which issued its draft report on January 29. The report attempts to identify legal issues regarding the extent to which U.S. copyright and other laws are compatible with the Berne Convention.

Legal Matters: Regulations

During the first half of the fiscal year, the Copyright Office published several regulations in the *Federal Register:* (1) a final regulation specifying conditions

under which the office will cancel a completed registration (50 Fed. Reg. 40833); (2) proposed regulations in October and final regulations in December concerning changes in the jukebox certificate (50 Fed. Reg. 52458); (3) final regulations in February amending the deposit requirements of copies and phonorecords for the benefit of the Library of Congress and for copyright registration and for the deposit of identifying material instead of copies (51 Fed. Reg. 6402).

The office also used the *Federal Register* to notify the public of various policy decisions: (1) in November, a decision that fixed the fee for providing the special service of expedited processing, also known as "special handling," of requests to issue import statements and to record documents pertaining to copyright (50 Fed. Reg. 46206); (2) in January, a new policy of retaining handling fees received in conjunction with certain requests for additional certificates of registration when the service could not be provided, usually because no such registration existed (51 Fed. Reg. 462). Also in January, the office published its notice to waive the time limit for refunds for overpayment of royalties by cable systems under the compulsory license for any accounting period from 1983–1 through 1985–1, in a situation where operators paid both the minimum fee and the 3.75 percent fee (51 Fed. Reg. 599).

Following a review of its policies regarding the issuance of demands for the mandatory deposit of works published in the United States with notice of copyright following first publication in a foreign country, the office issued a policy decision in January. It will continue to adhere to its previously announced policy but has adopted a form to simplify requests for waiver of the regulation (51 Fed. Reg. 789).

In cooperation with the Department of State, the office also published in January a notice of availability of the *Draft Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on United States Adherence to the Berne Convention* and requested comments from the public (51 Fed. Reg. 3706).

Legal Developments: Legislation

Sen. Charles McC. Mathias (R-Md.) introduced a bill authorizing and requesting the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to foster recognition of the bicentennial year of the first copyright law "through appropriate educational and cultural programs and activities."

A bill requiring the Comptroller General of the United States to study the feasibility of raising funds for the arts and humanities by extending the copyright term was passed by the Congress and signed by the President on December 20. The bill calls for consideration of a revolving fund that would be created from royalty payments paid to the Federal government through an extension of the existing copyright term for "artistic, dramatic, literary, and musical works."

Legal Developments: Hearings

In November Ralph Oman testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks, in favor of S. 1739, The Home Audio Recording Act, introduced by Sen. Mathias, which would compensate copyright owners through a royalty surcharge on blank tapes and audiorecords and, if passed, necessitate a new compulsory license to be administered by the Copyright Office.

Also in November Mr. Oman submitted a prepared statement to the Senate Judiciary Committee on Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks on the U.S. Supreme Court decision concerning the rights of copyright owners who have revoked their grants of copyright to publishers in accord with the 1976 act. In the decision, *Mills Music, Inc.*, v. *Snyder,* the Supreme Court ruled that although copyright owners could terminate their grants of copyright, royalty agreements honoring the middleman music publisher must be honored. When Congress enacted the Copyright Act of 1976, it provided that authors who signed away their copyrights before they realized how profitable they might be could terminate those contracts after a period of time. In his prepared statement submitted for the record, the Register noted that in "consonance with the underlying purpose of copyright, to stimulate creativity, it is more likely that Congress intended this windfall as a reward to the author instead of the publisher. The burden of showing the unfairness of the proposed legislation should rest with the publisher."

At a hearing on H.R. 3108, concerning a copyright policy issue arising from new communications technologies that affect small and rural communities—the development of low power television and earth stations, which were not foreseen when the copyright law was rewritten in 1976—Ralph Oman, Dorothy Schrader, and Patrice Lyons testified before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and the Administration of Justice that H.R. 3108 would amend the copyright laws to clarify that low power television signals are indeed local signals and to provide a clear demarcation between distant and local stations.

On January 21 Mr. Oman testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks in opposition to an extension of the manufacturing clause and proposed several alternatives, including using trade laws to strengthen copyright protection Americans enjoy overseas, amending the trade laws to guarantee fair trade in English-language works

by U.S. authors without jeopardizing other copyright goals, and moving the printing trade protection out of the copyright law into Title 19 of the U.S. Code.

On March 19 Mr. Oman, accompanied by Dorothy Schrader, testified before the House Copyright Subcommittee in opposition to bills that would make source licensing mandatory in syndicated television production. At issue is the system under which independent television stations broadcast music to syndicated television programs.

Legal Cases

During the first half of the year the Copyright Office became involved in several new cases and wrote briefs in ongoing cases. In *Multi-Planner Diagnostic Imaging, Inc.* v. *Columbia Scientific Incorporated and Ralph Oman, Register of Copyrights* (Civ. No. 85-3598), the Copyright Office joined the case in accordance with section 411(a) of the law to defend the legal principles which compelled the office to reject a registration for certain computer-based systems producing a CAT Scan diagnostic tool.

The office filed an amicus brief on the issue of publication in *Granse* v. *Brown Photo Co.* (Civ. No. 3-80-338 U.S.D.C. Minn.).

Ongoing cases involving the general counsel include *Oman* v. *Law & Technology Press,* 762 F.2d 809 (9th Cir. 1985), where a publisher challenged the deposit requirements of the copyright law and asked the Supreme Court to grant certiorari. Certiorari was denied.

In *John Muller & Co., Inc.* v. *David A. Schoenstadt, M.D.* (W.D. Mo. Dec. 22, 1984), designers seeking to register the logo of the New York Arrows soccer team have appealed the court's decision that there was not enough copyrightable authorship.

Irwin Karp, counsel to the Authors League of America, has filed an appeal in *The Authors' League of America, Inc.* v. *Oman,* 82 Civ. 5731 (S.D.N.Y. October 5, 1985), a suit challenging the constitutionality of the manufacturing requirements of the copyright law.

The Copyright Office is again defending its interpretation of the grandfathering clauses in the cable copyright regulations as the plaintiff has appealed the court's decision in *Cox Cable Tucson, Inc.* v. *Oman,* Civ. No. 84-534 (D. Ariz. filed July 13, 1984).

The Copyright Office has filed an amicus brief in *Kiddie Rides U.S.A., Inc.* v. *Thomas Leon, et al,* Civ. No. 83-4085 (D.-Ill.).

NLS/BPH Publications

The following recent publications are available free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542:

Braille Book Review, March-April 1986, Volume 55, Number 2, ISSN 0006-873X. This is a bimonthly annotated listing of books added to the Library of Congress national braille collection that also reports on free library services for blind and visually handicapped readers, announces books on loan from independent agencies, and lists popular magazines produced in braille.

Talking Book Topics, March-April 1986, Volume 52, Number 2, ISSN 0039-9183. This is a bimonthly annotated listing of books added to the Library of Congress national talking-book collection. It includes news about free library services for blind and physically handicapped readers and lists popular magazines recorded on cassettes and disks.

Cassette Books 1985, ISSN 0363-9029. This is an annotated catalog of adult and young adult books recorded on cassette for blind and physically handicapped readers during 1985. Titles, which have previously been announced in *Talking Books Topics,* are arranged by subject category under nonfiction and fiction headings.

Talking Books Adult 1984-1985, ISSN 00082-1519. This is an annotated catalog of books recorded on disks for blind and physically handicapped adult readers during 1984 and 1985. The titles, which have previously been announced in *Talking Books Topics,* are arranged by subject category under nonfiction and fiction headings.

For Younger Readers: Braille and Talking Books 1984-1985, ISSN 0093-2825. This is an annotated catalog of books for children from preschool through grade 9 produced during 1984 and 1985 on disk, on cassette, and in braille. The titles, which have previously been announced in *Talking Book Topics* and *Braille Book Review,* are arranged by subject categories under nonfiction and fiction headings. A section on books "For Very Young Readers" lists titles available in print with braille overlays, as well as books in recorded formats. It is available in large-print and braille editions; the braille edition lists only braille titles.

News, April-June 1986, Volume 17, Number 2, ISSN 0160-9211. This report on national and inter-

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national activities in library services for blind and physically handicapped individuals is distributed quarterly to a national network of cooperating libraries and agencies serving blind and physically handicapped readers.

Update, April–June 1986, Volume 9. Number 2, ISSN 0160-9203. This is a quarterly newsletter with information for and about volunteer programs and individual volunteers who produce recorded and braille material and maintain equipment used by talking-book readers.

Visual Materials Online System Is Announced

The Library of Congress Visual Materials online system was inaugurated on November 25, 1985, superseding a batch system which had been in operation since 1972. The new system reflects the expansion of the MARC Films format to the MARC Visual Materials format in order to accommodate graphic and archival moving image materials.

Catalogers in both Processing Services and Research Services will use the system to create records for educational audiovisual, graphic, and archival moving image materials. The now defunct Films batch system was the last of Processing Services' batch systems for MARC bibliographic records and will not be mourned, since it provided no access to the records except through batch retrieval. All of Processing Services' current cataloging is now input, updated, and retrievable online.

The Automated Systems Office was responsible for the development of the online system, which was modeled on the recently implemented Music Online system; and the Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS), of Processing Services was responsible for the development of products from the new system. User requirements for the online system and for its products were provided by the Automation Planning and Liaison Office (APLO) and the Special Materials Cataloging Division (SMCD) of Processing Services together with the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division (M/B/RS) and the Prints and Photographs Division (P&P) of Research Services.

Initial activity on the system is the loading into the online system of the approximately 75,000 records for educational audiovisual materials cataloged by the Audiovisual Section in SMCD since 1972. These records had been input and maintained by the MARC Editorial Division in the Films batch system. Before loading into the system these records were converted to the online format and certain data elements were upgraded to agree with MFBD Update No. 10.

The Audiovisual Section's cooperative program provides cataloging based on data contributed by producers and distributors of motion pictures, video recordings, filmstrips, slide sets, and overhead transparencies. For the most part, these materials are not in the collections of the Library. The Visual Materials Online system, like the music system, enables these records to be input and maintained online by catalogers and should make the cataloging available on a more timely basis. SMCD began online cataloging in December 1985 following training in content designation.

Staff of M/B/RS will use the cataloging manual *Archival Moving Image Materials* by Wendy White-Hensen to create records for selected holdings of the Library's archive of motion picture and video materials. In the 1970s, M/B/RS created approximately 800 catalog records in a modified MARC format for materials in the George M. Kleine Collection and the Theodore Roosevelt Association Collection. These records will also be available in the online system but will require editing before they are distributed outside the Library. Plans are also being made to add location information to records created by SMCD since 1972 for documentary motion pictures and video recordings in M/B/RS's collection.

Catalogers in P&P will create MARC records for the first time using the AACR 2-based cataloging manual *Graphic Materials* by Elisabeth Betz Parker. P&P will initially concentrate on photographic collections.

Many complex cataloging issues were involved in accommodating records for the diverse materials which will make up the Visual Materials File, and Processing Services' director for cataloging and the Office for Descriptive Cataloging Policy provided guidance to the cataloging units in making the necessary decisions. The Visual Materials Online system marks the first integration of machine-readable cataloging of visual materials into the Library's online retrieval system; records from the audiovisual materials, documentary motion pictures and video recordings, and original and historical graphic materials cataloging units will be available for online searching. The system will also enable, for the first time, the distribution outside the Library of cataloging records for graphic materials and for archival films in the Library's special collections division.

Cataloging conventions for M/B/RS records and P&P records will be new in several respects. Specialized subject, genre, and physical characteristics thesauri are being developed for use with archival moving image and graphic materials. The *Library of Congress Thesaurus for Graphic Materials,* to be published later this year, will be used by P&P in lieu of *Library of Congress Subject Headings* (LCSH) topical headings. M/B/RS records will use LCSH headings. M/B/RS and P&P will use separate thesauri for genre and physical characteristics

headings which are now under development. These thesauri will be identified by codes in the machine-readable record. All name headings used will be compatible with other Library of Congress full AACR 2 cataloging and will be represented in the Name Authority File.

CDS will continue to be the source for the various products derived from the Visual Materials database. The *MARC Distribution Service—Visual Materials* will replace the *MARC Distribution Service—Films* service as a monthly subscription and will include all records encompassed by the Visual Materials system. The converted file of 75,000 records can be purchased separately. Printed cards will be available for all materials cataloged on a current basis by the Audiovisual Section and by M/B/RS, but not for P&P cataloging or the Kleine and Roosevelt collections. Records from all three sources, including the Kleine and Roosevelt archival collections, will be published in future issues of the microfiche publication *National Union Catalog: Audiovisual Materials*.

NAC at ALA Conference

The Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee (NAC) is sponsoring another open meeting in the pursuit of a common vision of nationwide library networking during the annual meeting of the American Library Association (ALA) in New York. It is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, from 9:30–11 a.m. in the Sutton Parlor South room of the New York Hilton Hotel.

Henriette D. Avram, assistant librarian for Processing Services at the Library of Congress and chairman of NAC, will present an update of the last two NAC meetings, held in May and December 1985, which were dedicated to the identification of the key issues and the common vision of nationwide library networking. (The results of both meetings have been issued as nos. 12 and 13 in the Network Planning Paper series and are available from the Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service.) Frank P. Grisham, executive director of the Southeastern Library Network, will elaborate on the pursuit of the common vision to date. Mary W. Glikas, executive director of Universal Serials & Book Exchange, will discuss issues relative to the implementation of the common vision of nationwide library networking.

Interested persons who will be attending the ALA annual meeting are cordially invited to participate in this session. After the presentations, they will have an opportunity to ask questions.

CDS/MARC Users' Group To Meet At ALA Annual Conference

The Library of Congress' Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) will host a CDS/MARC Users' Group meeting during the American Library Association Annual conference in New York City. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 1, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in Room 1A-03, Jacob Javits Convention Center. Among the items on this year's agenda are (1) a report on the Library of Congress' Disk Distribution Pilot Project; (2) a report of upcoming CDS products; and (3) a report of current market research activity within CDS. All conference participants are invited to attend.

CDS Publications

Ongoing Publications

The following publications are now available from the Library of Congress, Cataloging Distribution Service, Washington, DC 20541:

LC Subject Headings in Microform. December 1985. Annual subscription for 1985, $70 (domestic) and $75 (foreign).

LC Subject Headings Weekly Lists. 1986. Lists 5 through 12. Annual subscription for 1986 is $100.

National Level Bibliographic Records—Maps. Update No. 2 priced at $25.

National Union Catalog. Books. January 1986. Annual subscription for 1986 is $400 (domestic) and $440 (foreign).

National Union Catalog. Register of Additional Locations. December 1985. Annual subscription for 1985 is $175 (domestic) and $180 (foreign).

National Union Catalog. U.S. Books 1986. February 1986 and March 1986. Annual subscription for 1986 is $280 (domestic) and $305 (foreign).

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Held by Libraries in the United States and Canada. ISSN 0028-6680. October 1985. (218 p.) November 1985. (225 p.) Annual subscription for 1985 is $350.

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Held by Libraries in the United States and Canada. ISSN 0028-6680. January 1986. (261 p.) February 1986. (323 p.) Annual subscription for 1986 is $350.

USMARC Format: Proposed Changes. 1986. Update No. 1 Annual subscription for 1986 is $30.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Monday, June 23

☐ Franz Liszt Centennial Programs: Master Class (voice) with John Douglas, 1 p.m., Coolidge Auditorium; "The Legacy of Liszt" lecture by Nicolas Slonimsky, 5 p.m., Whittall Pavilion. These programs are part of the Liszt Centennial Celebration running through June 28. Other Liszt Centennial programs are being conducted at the Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian Institution, the Washington Cathedral, and St. Matthew's Cathedral. For a complete schedule, contact the Music Division, (202) 287-5502, or the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program, (202) 357-2498. All Liszt Centennial events at the Library of Congress are free of charge.

Tuesday, June 24

☐ Liszt Centennial Programs: Master Class (piano) with Jerome Rose, 1 p.m., Coolidge Auditorium; "Songs and Choral Music of Liszt" lecture by Paul Hume, 5 p.m., Whittall Pavilion.

Wednesday, June 25

☐ Liszt Centennial Programs: Master Class (violin) with Aaron Rosand, 1 p.m., Coolidge Auditorium; "Liszt and the Keyboard" lecture by Alan Walker, 5 p.m., Whittall Pavilion.

Thursday, June 26

☐ Continuing Discussion of the Histories of Herodotus. Great Books Study Group. LC Professional Association. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

☐ Liszt Centennial Programs: Master Class (piano) with Jorge Bolet, 1 p.m., Coolidge Auditorium; "Liszt's Symbolism and Musical Structure" lecture by Tibor Szasz, 5 p.m., Whittall Pavilion.

Friday, June 27

☐ Liszt Centennial Programs: Master Class (piano) with Russell Sherman, 1 p.m., Coolidge Auditorium; "Literature in Liszt's Mind and Music" lecture by Jacques Barzun, 5 p.m., Whittall Pavilion.

Saturday, June 28

☐ Liszt Centennial Programs: Symposium with Barzun, Hume, Slonimsky, Szasz, and Walker, 10 a.m., Coolidge Auditorium; "Franz Liszt: The Progress of a Biography" lecture by Alan Walker, 2 p.m., Whittall Pavilion; concert with Christopher O'Riley, pianist, 3:30 p.m., Coolidge Auditorium.

Tuesday, July 1

☐ "ASIS—The American Society for Information Science," Bob Chartrand, Office of Senior Specialists, Congressional Research Service. Special Interest Group on Library Science. LC Professional Association. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Events are open to the public unless otherwise specified.

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